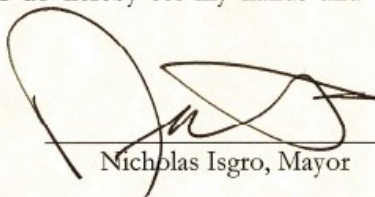


Mayoral Proclamation

- Whereas** the state of Maine is one of fourteen states in our nation that exhibits higher household food insecurity rates than the national average, with 16.2% of households struggling to put food on the table; and
- Whereas** the Universalist Unitarian Church of Waterville began a volunteer Evening Sandwich Program a quarter of a century ago in 1990; and
- Whereas** the first evening of the program only seven (7) people were served and it is now customary for 200-300 meals *per evening* to be served, with a mind-boggling 500,000+ meals served since the program began; and
- Whereas** it is important to recognize volunteers who demonstrate commitment, dedication and compassion while donating their time to assist such programs, including buying some of the food themselves and even preparing and cooking it at home; and
- Whereas** the Evening Sandwich Program has been supported by many other central Maine churches and areas businesses and schools, assisting in its long-term success; and
- Whereas** the City of Waterville is truly grateful for the important work of the Evening Sandwich Program, its volunteers, and its supporters, for improving the quality of life for so many of the city's residents;

Now therefore, I, Nicholas Isgro, Mayor of Waterville, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize October 25th, 2015, as the **25th Anniversary of the Evening Sandwich Program Soup Kitchen** and encourage Waterville residents to recognize the positive impact of this program in our City, to thank those who volunteer, and to continue to give back to the community.

In Witness Whereof, I do hereby set my hands and seal this 20th day of October, Two thousand and fifteen.



Nicholas Isgro, Mayor

